

Memorandum

TAB 18

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 20, 2014

Reference No.: 4.9
Information

From: 
ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **HEARING – PROPOSITION 1B HIGHWAY RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY ACCOUNT**

ISSUE:

The Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) Program is in its fourth programming cycle. Savings generated from projects allocated in the prior cycles are available for reprogramming to new projects. The available balance for reprogramming is ~~\$15.278~~ million, ~~\$5.332~~ million for Part 1 and \$9.946 million for Part 2. 16.811

The HRCSA Program Guidelines stipulate that at least one public hearing will be held before the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopts its 2014 HRCSA program of projects. The hearing provides an opportunity for HRCSA applicants to familiarize the Commission with the project nominations received by the July 1, 2014 deadline. The schedule also calls for the issuance of staff recommendations by September 19, 2014, with the adoption of the 2014 HRCSA program of projects at the Commission's October 8, 2014 meeting.

BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, the voters approved Proposition 1B. Proposition 1B provides \$250 million to fund the HRCSA program. The HRCSA program includes two sub-programs, Part 1 provides \$150 million for highway railroad grade separations derived from the California Public Utilities Commission's Section 190 grade separation priority list and Part 2 provides \$100 million for non-Section 190 high-priority grade crossing improvements.

Specifically, Proposition 1B authorized the \$250 million for HRCSA as follows:

Part 1. Proposition 1B provided that \$150 million from the HRCSA shall be made available for allocation to projects on the priority list established by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) pursuant to the process established in Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2450) of Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, with two exceptions: (1) a dollar for dollar match of non-state funds shall be provided for each project, and (2) the \$5 million maximum in Section 2454 shall not apply to HRCSA funds.

Part 2. Proposition 1B provided that the remaining \$100 million from the HRCSA shall be made available to high-priority railroad crossing improvements, including grade separation projects, that

are not part of the process established in Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2450) of Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code. These may include projects at any of the following:

- (a) Crossings where freight and passenger rail share the affected rail line.
- (b) Crossings with a high incidence of motor vehicle-rail or pedestrian-rail collisions.
- (c) Crossings with a high potential for savings in rail and roadway traffic delay.
- (d) Crossings where an improvement will result in quantifiable emission benefits.
- (e) Crossings where the improvement will improve the flow of rail freight to or from a port facility.

The Commission will adopt the 2014 HRCSA program of projects under both parts from projects nominated by Caltrans or local agencies.

Attachment 1 – Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account Nominations 2014 Program

Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account Nominations
2014 Program
(Dollars in Thousands)

Reference No. 4.9
August 20, 2012
Attachment 1

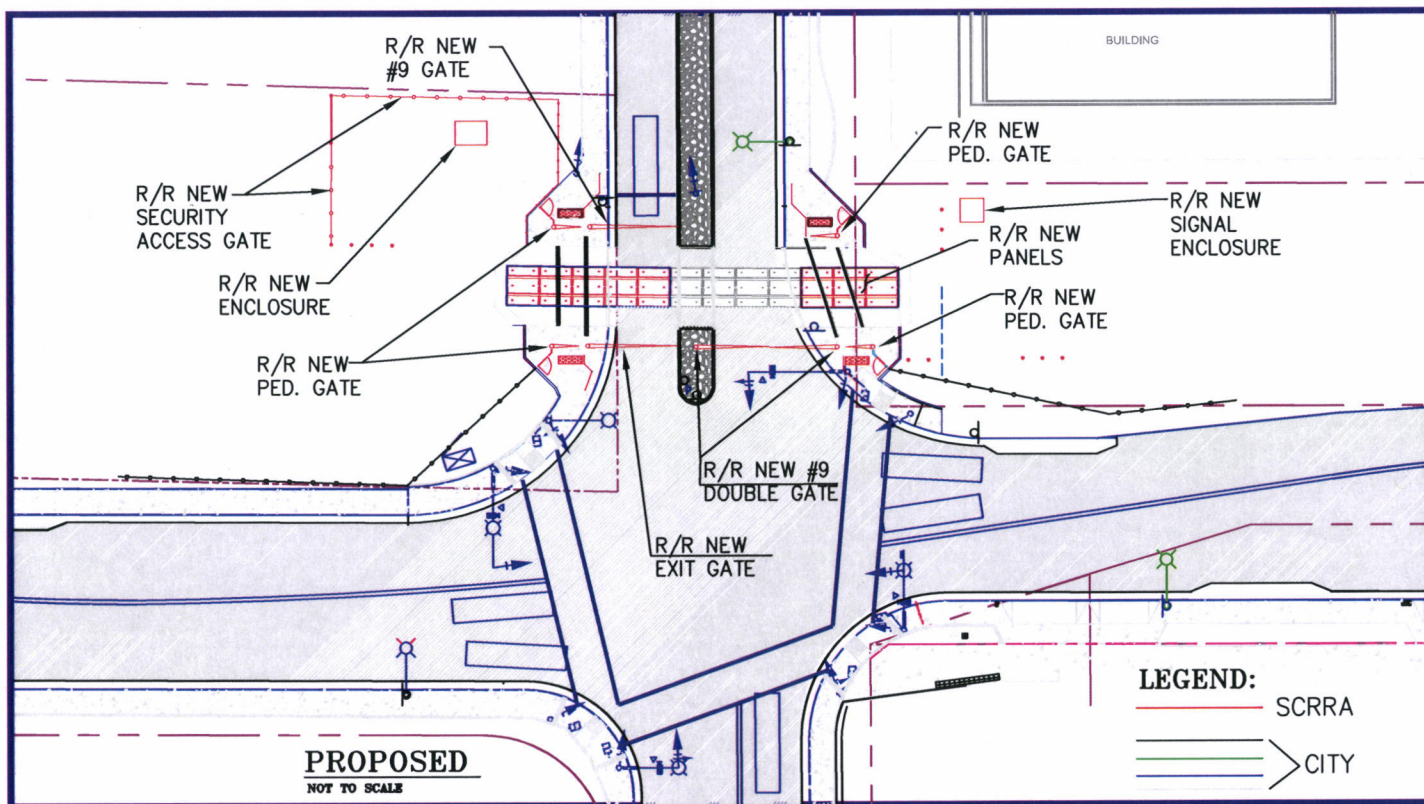
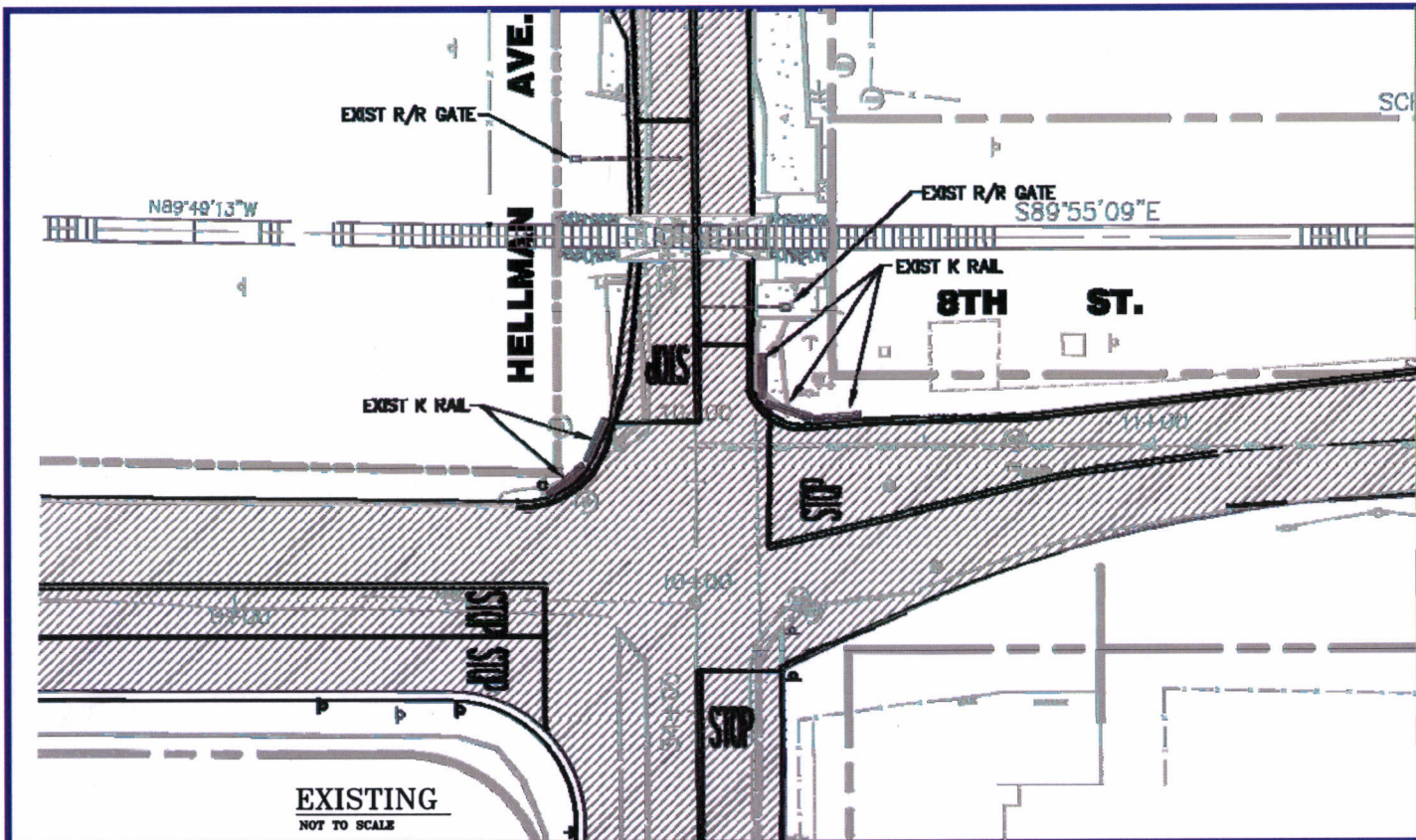
County	Nominated By	Project Name	PUC List	Part 1	Part 2	Enviro. Clearance	Const. Start	Total Project	HRCSA Request
Los Angeles	ACE Construction A	Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project	x	x	x	Oct-13	Mar-16	142,923	20,000
Los Angeles	SCRRA	Hellman Road Grade Crossing Safety Improvement			x	Apr-11	Nov-14	2,750	2,006
Los Angeles	SCRRA	Ramona Boulevard Grade Crossing Safety Improvement			x	Dec-14	Mar-15	3,030	1,515
Los Angeles	SCRRA	Citrus Avenue Grade Crossing Safety Improvement			x	Dec-14	Mar-15	3,030	1,515
		Total Nominations						151,733	25,036

Note: The above projects costs and requests are based on a preliminary review of the nominations and are subject to revision. The list does not reflect priority order.

Talking Points for CTC Hearing on HRCSA Program Applications: Hellman Avenue, Ramona Boulevard and Citrus Avenue

August 20, 2014

- SCRRA/Metrolink is seeking a total of \$5 million, which is about half of the total available in this category, Part 2, of the HRCSA program. Using these funds we will improve three grade crossings, all located on the San Bernardino Line, and all part of our Sealed Corridor Program which takes a comprehensive approach to improving crossing located within close geographic proximity. The HRCSA program has invested in Sealed Corridor improvements on the Antelope Valley and Ventura lines, we now request investment on the San Bernardino line which is our most active route running nearly 30 minute headways. There is also significant freight traffic on this route, especially at Hellman Avenue where six freight trains transverse the crossing daily. In addition, it is one of the most active freight switching areas on the Metrolink system, so there are many other freight moves at this crossing each day.
- We are requesting \$2,006,000 for Hellman Avenue; grade crossing improvements. The improvements will complement the work the City of Rancho Cucamonga has already completed which it will describe in a minute. Although a match is not required, SCRRA has secured additional funds that cover nearly 40% of the project cost. Design is nearly complete and construction can start shortly after approval of the HRCSA 2014 program.
- We are also requesting \$1,515,000 for grade crossing improvements at Citrus Avenue located at the Covina Metrolink station. This crossing experiences significant pedestrian activity—a whopping 1,000 pedestrians each weekday. Design can be completed quickly, and construction can start in the spring of 2015. The other half of the grade crossing improvement cost is provided by LAMetro funds. The improvements at the crossing will allow, in part, a continuous channelization of pedestrians from the right of way to the street; the work in the proposed scope complements the station work the City of Covina is embarking on as they will describe in a minute.
- Finally we are requesting \$1,515,000 for grade crossing improvements at Ramona Boulevard, located near the Baldwin Park Metrolink Station. This crossing, configured at an angle, is located between two streets. It experiences significant pedestrian, truck and auto traffic. Also matched with LAMetro funds, design can be completed quickly and construction can start in the same timeframe as Citrus Avenue.
- We thank the CTC for its previous Sealed Corridor investments on our other lines and request that it now turn toward helping fund Sealed Corridor on the San Bernardino line. The safety treatments include installing gate arms, and flashing signals, pedestrian gates, advanced signalization and track upgrades as we have done at many crossings previously. Thank you for your consideration of this request and now I turn to the Cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Covina who were able to travel here to register their support.



CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Hellman Avenue Rail Road Crossing Right-of-Way Improvements



N.T.S.



Ramona Boulevard Surface View



Ramona Boulevard Aerial View

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APPROVED		DATE	
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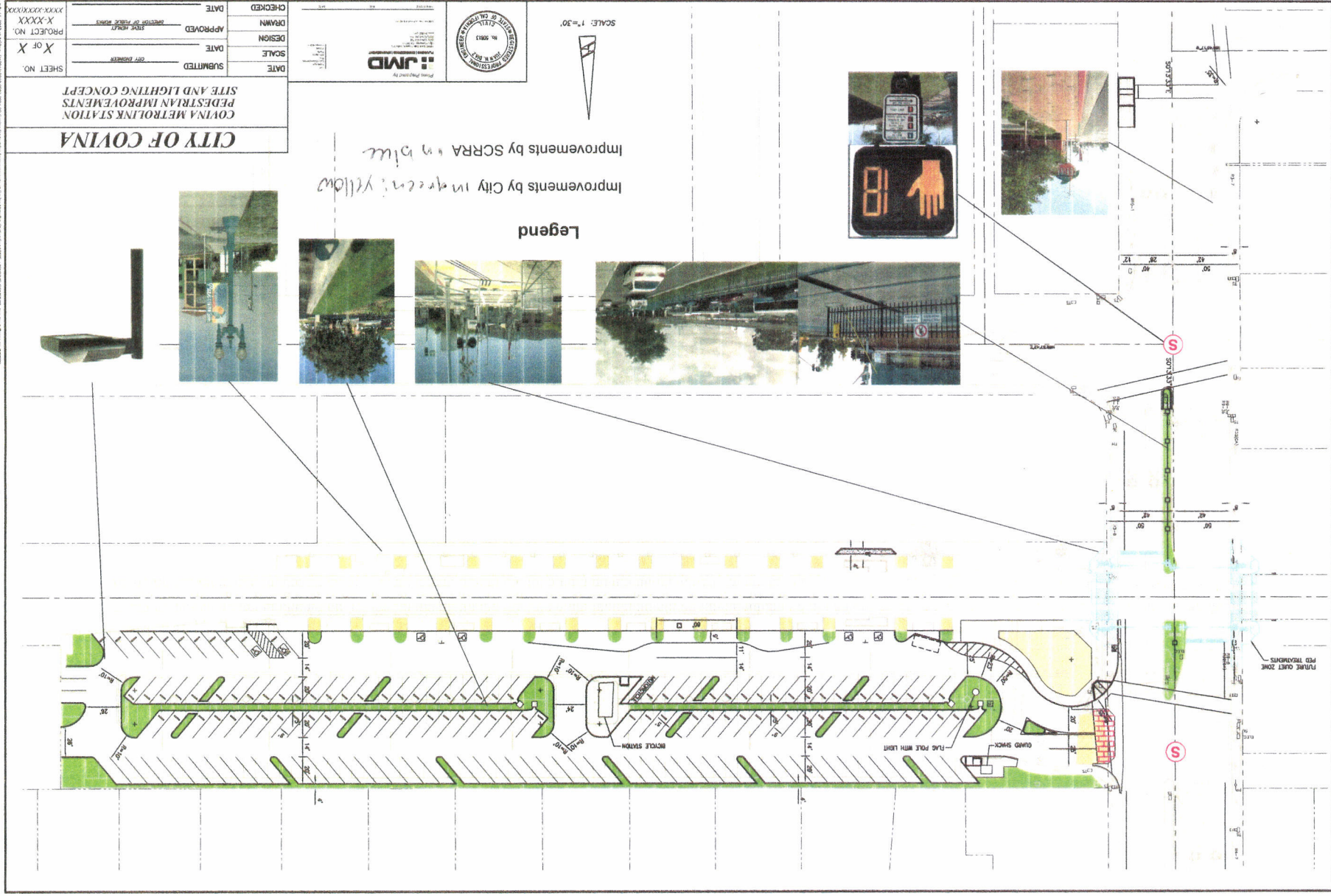
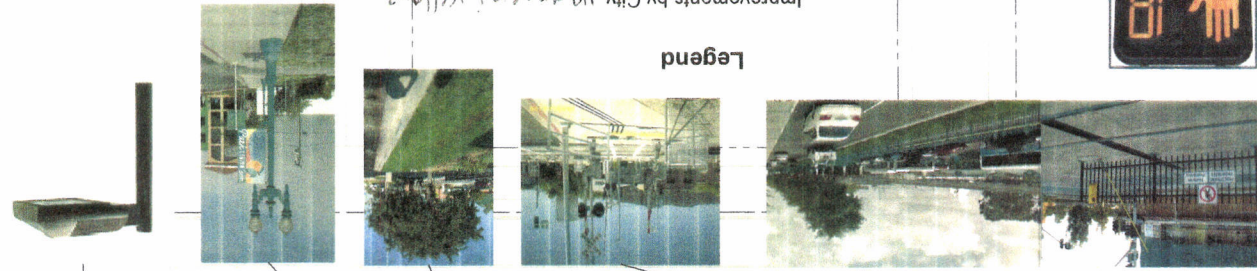
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 SHEET NO.: X OF X

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Date: 8/20/14

Name: PAUL HUBLER
Representing: ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
Address: 4900 RIVERGRADE RD IRVINDALE CA

Do you desire to be heard at this meeting?

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If yes: *Do you have a prepared statement?*

Do you have 18 copies for the Commission?

Remarks: _____

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Date: 8/20/14

Name: Patricia Chen

Representing: L.A. Metro

Address: One Gateway Plaza LA, CA 90012

Do you desire to be heard at this meeting?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If yes: *Do you have a prepared statement?*

Yes ☐

No ☒

Do you have 18 copies for the Commission?

Yes ☐

No ☒

Remarks: _____

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Name: Alex Gonzales
Representing: City of Covina
Address: 125 E. College St., Covina 91723

Do you desire to be heard at this meeting?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes: Do you have a prepared statement?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Support Citrus Ave, submitted for \$1.5M funding request under
HRCSA Part 2.

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Name: Anne Lenizaki
Representing: SCARA/MetroLink
Address: One Gateway Plaza LA CA 90017

Do you desire to be heard at this meeting?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes: Do you have a prepared statement?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Support for 3 projects that help build out Seated Corridor
on the San Bernardino Line: Hellman, Ramona, Citrus. Total
request is \$5M under Part 2, HRCSA 2014 Program of Projects.

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Name: Andrea Bureick
Representing: SANBAG
Address: 1170 W. 3rd St. San Bernardino

Do you desire to be heard at this meeting?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes: Do you have a prepared statement?

Yes ☐

No ☐

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Remarks: Support HRCSA Part 2 applica for Hellman Avenue grade crossing
improvement.

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Name: Mark Steiner

Representing: City of Rancho Cucamonga

Address: 10500 Civic Center Drive, KC, 91729

Do you desire to be heard at this meeting?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes: Do you have a prepared statement?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Do you have 18 copies for the Commission?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Remarks: Support for Hellman Ave, submitted for \$2M funding,
request under MESA, Part 2.

(stay-yes)